



Reducing Taxpayer Burden

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What is burden?

- Time
- Money

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Mission

- Reduce unnecessary burden
 - develop proposals
 - coordinate initiatives
 - champion burden reduction
 - collaborate to identify and implement

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Office of Taxpayer Burden Reduction focus

- Simplify forms, publications
- Streamline policies, procedures
- Promote less burdensome rulings, laws
- Develop accurate measures

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Accomplishments

- Schedule K-1 for three forms
- Alternative Minimum Tax Assistant
- Streamlined extensions
- Innocent Spouse and more

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Current projects

- Adjusted employment tax forms
- Aging Americans
- Partnership extensions
- Schedule C
- Aggregate FUTA



Factors considered

- Number of taxpayers affected
- Burden reduction potential and “doability”
- Impact on compliance
- Stakeholder interests

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Challenges

- Ownership
- Measurement
- Balancing compliance
- Difficulty in changing
 - Attitudes
 - Systems

Sample timeline

- Form 944 project
 - Studied 1986 (White House)
 - Recommended 2003 (Redleaf)
 - Approved 2004; launched 2006
 - Evaluating and finalizing, 2008

Ideas

- Research
- Internal stakeholders (IRS)
- External stakeholders (YOU!)
 - Form 13285-A
 - IRS.gov, Search: *TBR*
 - (202) 283-3933
 - otpbr@irs.gov

More information on IRS.gov

- Small Business Tax Workshop DVD
- Small Business Resource Guide CD-ROM
- Tax Talk Today
- e-News for Tax Professionals
- e-News for Small Businesses
- IRS Phone Forums



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